

In the Claims:

1 1. (Original) An agitator which is set within a vessel having
2 a bottom and a circumferential wall rising from the
3 circumference of the bottom, is attachably and detachably
4 mounted on a supporting member extending downward on an
5 agitator device, makes rotation and/or revolution in
6 relation to the vessel due to rotation of at least either
7 the supporting member or the vessel to agitate a material
8 in the vessel, said agitator comprising

9 at least three biased agitating blades arranged to
10 contact a virtual sphere centered on a virtual central axis
11 extending vertically and surround the central axis,

12 each of said biased agitating blades being provided
13 with a penetrating window,

14 one end in the circumferential direction of the
15 central axis of each of said biased agitating blade resting
16 on an inner face facing the central axis of an adjoining
17 biased agitating blade on said one side in the
18 circumferential direction of the central axis, the other
19 end thereof in the circumferential direction of the central
20 axis protruding to back away from the central axis than an
21 adjoining agitating blade on the other side in the
22 circumferential direction of the central axis, and

23 the adjoining agitating blades being separably
24 connected to each other.

1 2. (Original) An agitator as claimed in claim 1, wherein in
2 place of so arranging at least three biased agitating
3 blades that the blades contact a virtual sphere centered on
4 a virtual central axis extending vertically and surround
5 the central axis, at least three biased agitating blades
6 contact the circumferential face of a virtual cylinder of
7 which central axis is coincident with a virtual central
8 axis extending vertically and surround the central axis.

Claims 3 to 8 (Canceled).

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